Surah 56 Surah Waaqi'ah

THE HAPPENING

THE LINK BETWEEN *SURAH WAAQI'AH* AND *SURAH AR RAHMAAN*

The concluding verse of *Surah Ar Rahmaan* mentions, **"Blessed is the name of your Rabb, the Possessor of majesty and benevolence."** This verse denotes that even Allaah's name is most blessed. Allaah says in the final verse of *Surah Waaqi'ah*, **"So glorify the name of your Majestic Rabb"** i.e. one should praise Allaah's name and express His purity from all partners.

A SUMMARY OF THE *SURAH*

* The beginning of the *Surah* classifies people into three groups, viz. (1) As'haabul Maymanah (those on the right), (2) As'haabul Mash'amah (those on the left) and (3) the Saabiqoon (those who have excelled far ahead).
* The qualities of each groups are then mentioned.
* A brief mention of these groups is repeated towards the end.
* The grandeur of the Qur'aan is emphasised.
* Acceptance of the Qur'aan is encouraged.
* Mushrikeen's disobedience is exposed.
* The core assertion of the *Surah* is mentioned once midway between the Surah (verse 74) and once at the end (verse 96).
* Four logical proofs of Allaah's power are also mentioned. These are found in:
    1. Verses 57 to 62
    2. Verses 63 to 67,
    3. Verses 68 to 70 and in
    4. Verses 71 to 73.

سُوْرَةُ الْوَاقِعَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَّهِيَ سِتٌّ وَّتِسْعُوْنَ اٰيَةً وَّثَلٰثُ رُكُوْعَاتٍ

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ○

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate the Most Merciful.

اِذَا وَقَعَتِ الْوَاقِعَةُ ۙ﴿۱﴾

1. When Qiyaamah will take place...

لَيْسَ لِوَقْعَتِهَا كَاذِبَةٌ ۘ﴿۲﴾ وقف لازم

2. ...there shall be none to deny its occurrence.

خَافِضَةٌ رَّافِعَةٌ ۙ﴿۳﴾

3. It will lower *(those Kuffaar who behaved haughtily in this world)* **and elevate** *(those humble and sincere Mu'mineen who were looked down upon in this world)*.

اِذَا رُجَّتِ الْاَرْضُ رَجًّا ۙ﴿۴﴾

4. *(Qiyaamah will be the day)* **When the earth shall convulse** *(shake uncontrollably)* **with violent earthquakes.**

وَّبُسَّتِ الْجِبَالُ بَسًّا ۙ﴿۵﴾

5. And the mountains will be shattered *(crumble)* **to pieces...**

فَكَانَتْ هَبَآءً مُّنْۢبَثًّا ۙ﴿۶﴾

6....and become like scattered *(flying)* **dust** *(floating about in the air)*.

وَّكُنْتُمْ اَزْوَاجًا ثَلٰثَةً ؕ﴿۷﴾

7. You people will then be *(sorted out)* **in three groups.**

فَاَصْحٰبُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ ۙ مَآ اَصْحٰبُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ ۭ ﴿٨﴾

8. So *(the first group are)* **the people of the right** *(the sincere Mu'mineen)*; **how excellent are the people of the right!** *(They are referred to as the "people of the right" because they will receive the record of their actions in their right hands, indicating their entry into Jannah.)*

وَاَصْحٰبُ الْمَشْئَمَةِ ۙ مَآ اَصْحٰبُ الْمَشْئَمَةِ ۭ ﴿٩﴾

9. And *(the second group are)* **the people of the left; how wretched are the people of the left!** *(They are referred to as the "people of the left" because they will receive the record of their actions in their left hands, indicating their entry into Jahannam.)*

وَالسّٰبِقُوْنَ السّٰبِقُوْنَ ۙ ﴿١٠﴾

10. The foremost *(in piety)* **will be foremost** *(in Jannah)*. *(They are the third group, who comprise of Mu'mineen of the highest calibre, such as the Ambiyaa عليهم الصلاة والسلام and the Siddiqeen.)*

اُولٰۗىِٕكَ الْمُقَرَّبُوْنَ ۚ ﴿١١﴾

11. These *(the foremost in piety)* **are indeed those brought close** *(nearest to Allaah)*.

فِيْ جَنّٰتِ النَّعِيْمِ ﴿١٢﴾

12. They will be *(enjoying themselves)* **in Jannaat of bliss** *(delight)*.

ثُلَّةٌ مِّنَ الْاَوَّلِيْنَ ۙ ﴿١٣﴾

13. *(Making up this group of the forerunners, there shall be)* **A large group from among the earlier ones** *(the people before Rasulullaah ﷺ)*...

وَقَلِيْلٌ مِّنَ الْاٰخِرِيْنَ ۭ ﴿١٤﴾

14....and a few from among the later ones *(the people after Rasulullaah ﷺ)*. *(The people before Rasulullaah ﷺ make up a large portion of this group because they were greater in number and because there were tens of thousands of Ambiyaa عليهم الصلاة والسلام among them while no Nabi will come after Rasulullaah ﷺ)*

عَلٰي سُرُرٍ مَّوْضُوْنَةٍ ۙ ﴿١٥﴾

15. *(On the Day of Qiyaamah)* **They will be** *(reclining)* **on woven thrones** *(thrones woven with thread of pure gold)*.

مُّتَّكِـِٔيْنَ عَلَيْهَا مُتَقٰبِلِيْنَ ﴿١٦﴾

16. Reclining on these facing each other *(so that they can easily converse with each other)*.

يَطُوْفُ عَلَيْهِمْ وِلْدَانٌ مُّخَلَّدُوْنَ ۙ ﴿١٧﴾

17. Youngsters of eternal *(immortal)* **youth shall wait on them** *(serve)*...

بِاَكْوَابٍ وَّاَبَارِيْقَ ۙ وَكَاْسٍ مِّنْ مَّعِيْنٍ ۙ ﴿١٨﴾

18....with goblets and jugs and glasses filled with flowing *(pure)* **wine.**

لَّا يُصَدَّعُوْنَ عَنْهَا وَلَا يُنْزِفُوْنَ ۙ ﴿١٩﴾

19. Neither will they suffer headaches with it *(because of this wine)*, **nor will they be intoxicated** *(because it will be unlike the impure wine of this world)*.

وَفَاكِهَةٍ مِّمَّا يَتَخَيَّرُوْنَ ۙ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. And *(they will be served)* **a variety of fruits to choose from...**

وَلَحْمِ طَيْرٍ مِّمَّا يَشْتَهُوْنَ ؕ ﴿٢١﴾

21....and the meat of the birds they desire.

وَحُوْرٌ عِيْنٌ ۙ ﴿٢٢﴾

22. And *(in addition to all of this, they shall have)* **fair large-eyed damsels** *(as their wives)*...

كَاَمْثَالِ اللُّؤْلُؤِ الْمَكْنُوْنِ ۚ ﴿٢٣﴾

23....who are like preserved *(protected)* **pearls** *(because of their beauty, complexion and purity)*.

جَزَآءًۢ بِمَا كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ ﴿٢٤﴾

24. *(They will receive all of this)* **As a reward for the deeds they carried out** *(in the world)*.

لَا يَسْمَعُوْنَ فِيْهَا لَغْوًا وَّلَا تَاْثِيْمًا ۙ ﴿٢٥﴾

25. They will not hear any *(unpleasant)* **noise there** *(in Jannah)* **nor any foolish** *(idle and sinful)* **talk.**

إِلَّا قِيلًا سَلَامًا سَلَامًا ﴿٢٦﴾

26. Instead they will hear the *(pleasant)* **call** *(greeting)* **of "Salaam"** *(Peace)***, "Salaam"** *(Peace)***.** *(They will greet each other with the words of Salaam; will be greeted by the angels with these words; and Allaah will also greet them with these words.)*

وَأَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ ۙ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٢٧﴾

27. The people of the right, how excellent are the people of the right!

فِي سِدْرٍ مَّخْضُودٍ ﴿٢٨﴾

28. They will be *(enjoying themselves)* **in** *(gardens of)* **thornless lotus flowers…**

وَطَلْحٍ مَّنضُودٍ ﴿٢٩﴾

29….and other trees laden *(with fruit)***…**

وَظِلٍّ مَّمْدُودٍ ﴿٣٠﴾

30. …*(They will be enjoying all these bounties)* **In unlimited shade.** *(The environment will be without harsh sunshine. Although they will have ample light, they will feel comfortable like a person who is shaded.)*

وَمَاءٍ مَّسْكُوبٍ ﴿٣١﴾

31. …And *(enjoying the refreshing)* **flowing water…**

وَفَاكِهَةٍ كَثِيرَةٍ ﴿٣٢﴾

32. …And an abundance of fruit *(of all types)***…**

لَّا مَقْطُوعَةٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعَةٍ ﴿٣٣﴾

33….that will not come to an end *(because another fruit will immediately grow in the place of a plucked one)* **and will not be restricted** *(they will have as much as they please)***…**

وَفُرُشٍ مَّرْفُوعَةٍ ﴿٣٤﴾

34. ...And *(they will be reclining on)* **elevated thrones** *(couches)*.

إِنَّآ أَنشَأْنَٰهُنَّ إِنشَآءً ﴿٣٥﴾

35. Indeed We have created these damsels *(whom the "people of the right" shall marry)* **pure** *(without any impurities in their bodies or their behaviour)*.

فَجَعَلْنَٰهُنَّ أَبْكَارًا ﴿٣٦﴾

36. And We have made them all *(pure)* **virgins...**

عُرُبًا أَتْرَابًا ﴿٣٧﴾

37. ...most beloved *(every facet of their appearance and behaviour will be pleasing to their husbands)* **and of equal** *(the same)* **age...**

لِّأَصْحَٰبِ ٱلْيَمِينِ ﴿٣٨﴾ ع ١ ١٤

38. ...for the people of the right.

ثُلَّةٌ مِّنَ ٱلْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾

39. *(Making up the people of the right shall be)* **A large group** *(member)* **from among the early ones** *(the people before Rasulullaah ﷺ)*...

وَثُلَّةٌ مِّنَ ٱلْءَاخِرِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾

40. ...and a large group *(number)* **from among the later ones** *(the people after Rasulullaah ﷺ)*.

وَأَصْحَٰبُ ٱلشِّمَالِ ۙ مَآ أَصْحَٰبُ ٱلشِّمَالِ ﴿٤١﴾

41. And *(as for)* **the people of the left, how wretched are the people of the left!**

فِى سَمُومٍ وَحَمِيمٍ ﴿٤٢﴾

42. They shall be *(suffering)* **in a fierce scorching wind** *(hot vapour)*, **boiling** *(burning)* **water...**

وَظِلٍّ مِّن يَحْمُومٍ ﴿٤٣﴾

43. ...and the shade of black smoke...

لَّا بَارِدٍ وَّلَا كَرِيْمٍ ﴿٤٤﴾

44. ...that will neither be cool nor hospitable. *(Rather, it will add to the heat and misery.)*

اِنَّهُمْ كَانُوْا قَبْلَ ذٰلِكَ مُتْرَفِيْنَ ﴿٤٥﴾

45. Verily these people used to indulgence in their wealth and luxuries before *(in the world)*.

وَكَانُوْا يُصِرُّوْنَ عَلَى الْحِنْثِ الْعَظِيْمِ ﴿٤٦﴾

46. They used to persistently commit major sins *(like Shirk, belying the Ambiyaa عليهم الصلاة والسلام and denying resurrection)*.

وَكَانُوْا يَقُوْلُوْنَ ۙ اَئِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَّعِظَامًا ءَاِنَّا لَمَبْعُوْثُوْنَ ﴿٤٧﴾

47. They used to say, "After we die and have become sand and bones, will we then be resurrected *(raised up)***?"**

اَوَ اٰبَآؤُنَا الْاَوَّلُوْنَ ﴿٤٨﴾

48. "Or our early forefathers?"

قُلْ اِنَّ الْاَوَّلِيْنَ وَالْاٰخِرِيْنَ ﴿٤٩﴾

49. Say, "Indeed the early ones and the latter ones..."

لَمَجْمُوْعُوْنَ ۙ اِلٰى مِيْقَاتِ يَوْمٍ مَّعْلُوْمٍ ﴿٥٠﴾

50. "...shall certainly be gathered for an appointment of a known day *(Whose the time Allaah has specified)*."

ثُمَّ اِنَّكُمْ اَيُّهَا الضَّآلُّوْنَ الْمُكَذِّبُوْنَ ﴿٥١﴾

51. "Then, O you who deviated *(from the straight path)* **rejecters** *(of Imaan)* **..."**

لَاٰكِلُوْنَ مِنْ شَجَرٍ مِّنْ زَقُّوْمٍ ﴿٥٢﴾

52. "...you shall surely eat from the Zaqqoom *(cursed)* **tree** *(see verses 62-67 of Surah 37)*."

فَمَالِـُٔونَ مِنْهَا الْبُطُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

53. "And you shall fill your bellies with it *(because of your intense hunger)*."

فَشٰرِبُونَ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْحَمِيمِ ﴿٥٤﴾

54. "You shall *(then)* **drink boiling water upon it** *(to try to force the scraps down)*..."

فَشٰرِبُونَ شُرْبَ الْهِيمِ ﴿٥٥﴾

55. "...and you shall drink like thirsty camels."

هٰذَا نُزُلُهُمْ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ﴿٥٦﴾

56. This is the hospitality they will receive on the Day of Reckoning.

نَحْنُ خَلَقْنٰكُمْ فَلَوْلَا تُصَدِّقُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

57. We have created you, so why do you *(Kuffaar)* **not accept** *(Imaan)*?

أَفَرَءَيْتُم مَّا تُمْنُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

58. Tell me about the seed *(sperm)* **that you issue forth?** *(Do you have control over its course and the process of conception?)*

ءَأَنتُمْ تَخْلُقُونَهُۥٓ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْخٰلِقُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

59. *(After conception,)* **Do you create the child or are We the Creators?**

نَحْنُ قَدَّرْنَا بَيْنَكُمُ الْمَوْتَ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمَسْبُوقِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

60. We have decreed death among you and We are not helpless...

عَلٰٓى أَن نُّبَدِّلَ أَمْثَالَكُمْ وَنُنشِئَكُمْ فِى مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

61. ...to replace you with others like you and make you into forms *(beings)* **that you have no knowledge of.**

وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمُ النَّشْأَةَ الْأُولَىٰ فَلَوْلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

62. You already have knowledge of the first *(time Allaah created the whole of)* **creation, so why do you not take heed** *(and realise that it is simple for Allaah to create you again on the Day of Qiyaamah)*?

أَفَرَأَيْتُم مَّا تَحْرُثُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

63. Tell me about what you plant.

ءَأَنتُمْ تَزْرَعُونَهُۥٓ أَمْ نَحْنُ ٱلزَّٰرِعُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾

64. Do you make it *(the seed)* **grow or are We the Ones who make it grow?**

لَوْ نَشَآءُ لَجَعَلْنَٰهُ حُطَٰمًا فَظَلْتُمْ تَفَكَّهُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

65. If We wish We could reduce it *(your crops)* **to bits** *(by some disaster)* **and leave you astounded...**

إِنَّا لَمُغْرَمُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

66....*(saying)* **"We are being taxed** *(burdened with debt and ruined)*."

بَلْ نَحْنُ مَحْرُومُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

67."Indeed, we are deprived *(for we have lost everything)*."

أَفَرَءَيْتُمُ ٱلْمَآءَ ٱلَّذِى تَشْرَبُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

68. Tell me about the water you drink.

ءَأَنتُمْ أَنزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ ٱلْمُزْنِ أَمْ نَحْنُ ٱلْمُنزِلُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

69. Do you cause it to rain from the clouds or is it We Who cause it to rain?

لَوْ نَشَآءُ جَعَلْنَٰهُ أُجَاجًا فَلَوْلَا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

70. If We willed it, We could have made the water salty *(depriving you of anything to quench your*

thirst), **so why are you not grateful?**

أَفَرَءَيْتُمُ النَّارَ الَّتِى تُورُونَ ﴿٧١﴾

71. Tell me about the fire that you kindle.

ءَأَنتُمْ أَنشَأْتُمْ شَجَرَتَهَآ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنشِـُٔونَ ﴿٧٢﴾

72. Did you create the tree *(to make the fire)* **or is it We Who created it?**

نَحْنُ جَعَلْنَٰهَا تَذْكِرَةً وَمَتَٰعًا لِّلْمُقْوِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾

73. We have made it as a reminder *(of Our great power)* **and as a source of benefit to the travellers** *(who are then able to light fires as they journey)*.

فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٧٤﴾ الثلثة ع ١٥ ٢ الثالث

74. So glorify the name of your Majestic Rabb *(to express your thanks for everything He has given you)*.

فَلَآ أُقْسِمُ بِمَوَٰقِعِ النُّجُومِ ﴿٧٥﴾

75. I swear by the positions of the stars *(where they rise and set)* **!**

وَإِنَّهُۥ لَقَسَمٌ لَّوْ تَعْلَمُونَ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٧٦﴾

76. This is undoubtedly a great oath if you *(only)* **knew** *(understand)*.

إِنَّهُۥ لَقُرْءَانٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٧٧﴾

77. Verily this *(revelation to Rasulullaah ﷺ)* **is the honourable Qur'aan...**

فِى كِتَٰبٍ مَّكْنُونٍ ﴿٧٨﴾

78. ...*(which is recorded)* **in a preserved book** *(the "Lowhul Mahfoodh")*.

لَّا يَمَسُّهُۥٓ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾

79. Only the pure ones *(the angels, who are pure from sin)* **may touch it** *(the "Lowhul Mahfoodh")*. *(The*

Shayaateen and all evil forces have absolutely no access to it.)

تَنْزِيلٌ مِّنْ رَّبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ ﴿٨٠﴾

80. *(This Qur'aan is)* **A revelation from the Rabb of the universe.**

اَفَبِهٰذَا الْحَدِيْثِ اَنْتُمْ مُّدْهِنُوْنَ ﴿٨١﴾

81. Do you regard this *(Qur'aan)* **as something trivial** *(something to be treated lightly)***?**

وَتَجْعَلُوْنَ رِزْقَكُمْ اَنَّكُمْ تُكَذِّبُوْنَ ﴿٨٢﴾

82. Have you fixed as your shares *(have you resolved)* **that you shall reject** *(the Qur'aan)* **?**

فَلَوْلَآ اِذَا بَلَغَتِ الْحُلْقُوْمَ ﴿٨٣﴾

83. So *(if you feel powerful enough to oppose the message of your Creator)* **why do you not** *(intervene)* **when the soul reaches the throat** *(of a dying person)***...**

وَاَنْتُمْ حِيْنَئِذٍ تَنْظُرُوْنَ ﴿٨٤﴾

84....and you *(as family and friends)* **are all there watching** *(helplessly)* **?**

وَنَحْنُ اَقْرَبُ اِلَيْهِ مِنْكُمْ وَلٰكِنْ لَّا تُبْصِرُوْنَ ﴿٨٥﴾

85. We are even nearer to him than you but you fail to see *(despite knowing at that moment that We are in control of all affairs, you still choose to exert your opinions over Ours and reject what We say)***.**

فَلَوْلَآ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ غَيْرَ مَدِيْنِيْنَ ﴿٨٦﴾

86. If you are exempt from being resurrected *(as you claim)***, why do you not...**

تَرْجِعُوْنَهَآ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ صٰدِقِيْنَ ﴿٨٧﴾

87. ...return the soul *(of a dead person to his body)* **if you are truthful** *(in your claim that things will happen as you wish and not as the Ambiyaa عليهم الصلاة والسلام inform you)* **?**

فَاَمَّآ اِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِيْنَ ﴿٨٨﴾

88. Therefore, *(after leaving this world)* **if someone it from among those brought close** *(to Allaah)***...**

فَرَوْحٌ وَّرَيْحَانٌ ۙ وَّجَنَّتُ نَعِيْمٍ ﴿٨٩﴾

89. ...he shall have comfort *(rest)*, **sustenance** *(provisions)* **and the Jannaat of bliss** *(delight)*.

وَاَمَّآ اِنْ كَانَ مِنْ اَصْحٰبِ الْيَمِيْنِ ۙ ﴿٩٠﴾

90. If he was from among the people of the right...

فَسَلٰمٌ لَّكَ مِنْ اَصْحٰبِ الْيَمِيْنِ ؕ ﴿٩١﴾

91. ...*(he will be told)*, **"Peace be on you. You are from the people of the right** *(and have nothing to fear)*."

وَاَمَّآ اِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُكَذِّبِيْنَ الضَّآلِّيْنَ ۙ ﴿٩٢﴾

92. However, if he was among the rejecters *(disbelievers)* **and deviated** *(astray)* **ones...**

فَنُزُلٌ مِّنْ حَمِيْمٍ ۙ ﴿٩٣﴾

93....he will be served boiling water...

وَّتَصْلِيَةُ جَحِيْمٍ ﴿٩٤﴾

94. ...and shall enter *(be cast into)* **the blazing fire.**

اِنَّ هٰذَا لَهُوَ حَقُّ الْيَقِيْنِ ۚ ﴿٩٥﴾

95. This is most definitely the irrefutable *(undeniable)* **truth.**

فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيْمِ ﴿٩٦﴾ ع ٣ ٢٢ ١٢

96. So glorify the name of your Majestic Rabb *(and do your best to secure salvation in the Aakhirah)*.